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Disabled man hit by runner

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A DISABLED dog owner, who was punched to the ground after his dog was kicked by a runner, said the attack was 'out of the blue'.

Noel Davidson, who suffered a heart attack 18 years ago, has 40 per cent mobility after having a stroke 18 months later that left him partially paralysed on one side of his body.

The 64-year-old does not normally take the dogs out because he has trouble walking, but after his wife was called in early to work at Milton Keynes Hospital on Monday, he took his two Irish setters Molly and Bailey for a stroll in Newlands.

Mr Davidson was returning to his car near Livingstone Drive at around 8am when he had an argument with the runner, who was unhappy that the dogs, aged 12 and three, were off the lead.

He told MK NEWS: "I was walking back to my car in the car park close to the Grand Union Canal and Gulliver's Land when the guy came running up and tried to kick my youngest dog Bailey, who was barking.

"He asked me to put them on the lead.

"The dogs barked even more because he lashed out at them. I could see he was nervous so told him to keep on running.

"After arguing with me he then hit me to the floor and gave me a cut lip, a nose bleed and bruising to my hip.

"I find it hard to get up, so rolled over onto my left side and shouted at him, but he threatened to hurt me again and then ran off.

"I am still having some headaches."

The Downhead Park resident, who has been a dog owner all his life, was shocked by what happened and called the police immediately.

"His reaction came totally out of the blue and I rang the police straight away as I was worried he would attack someone else with a dog," added Mr Davidson.

"I went to that area because of the woods and there are less people around, so I can let the dogs off as they need exercise.

"I have always owned setters and they have always been well behaved.

"After this I won't go walking there again."

Mr Davidson, who was forced to take early retirement from working at Milton Keynes Council three years ago, said the runner was white, slim, bald, in his 40s and around 5ft 11ins.

He was wearing dark blue navy tracksuit bottoms and a jacket and white trainers.

Any witnesses should call PC Adam Jones from Milton Keynes Police Station via the 24-hour enquiry centre on 101.

Walking again: Noel Davidson with his Irish setters Molly and Bailey

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Seen and herd: Michelle Carrington, *left*, and Ana Hadley pulling faces

Get in the moo-d with cow pics

WILLEN Hospice and MK NEWS are asking residents to do their best cow impression and share it with their friends on Twitter and Facebook under the hashtag #mkmooface.

The viral campaign is a bid by the charity to generate vital funds and raise awareness of the MK Midnight Moo Walk, 2015. After uploading their best #mkmooface, people have then nominated others to do the same and donated £2 via text to Willen Hospice. The July 4 walk, sponsored by MK NEWS and MKWeb, is for ladies only.

■ Find out more at www.mkweb.co.uk/news

Annette Hart in her full cow pose

Work casts light on green streets

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A CITYWIDE programme to upgrade street lamps with new LED lights is expected to slash hundreds of tonnes from Milton Keynes' carbon footprint this year – and make redways feel safer for pedestrians.

Since April last year, Milton Keynes Council has been working with its highways contractor Ringway on a programme that will eventually see thousands of lights on grid roads, industrial estates and redways replaced by more efficient LEDs. The full programme is as follows:

Redway replacement: Six hundred street lights were replaced with LED lamps last year, reducing energy consumption by 50 per cent. The council is replacing a further 700 lamps, due for completion by the end of March.

Grid road replacements: On V4, V7 and V8, 850 street lights are being replaced with LEDs, due for completion by the end of March.

Roundabout replacements: Twenty-one roundabouts have had new energy efficient, low maintenance lamps installed, which helps to make the junctions stand out against the straight sections.

Industrial estates: Three hundred and fifty lights will be replaced with new lamp columns and LED lamps.

City centre: Around 300 lamp columns are being replaced and will be in keeping with the design needs of the centre.

Cllr Mick Legg, cabinet member responsible for highways, said: "This is an ambitious programme but an achievable one. Milton Keynes already has impeccable green credentials."

DO YOU FEEL SAFE ON THE REDWAYS AT NIGHT?

Sarah D Bond: "It's not the lights that are the problem. It's because people can do anything out of sight and who would ever know? Even with extra lights at night, I would still walk along a main road instead of the redways in Milton Keynes. Cameras are the way."

Jamie Pedder: "This just makes it easier for the drunks and junkies to see you in the dark to ask for 50p for the 'phone box'!

Cameras and higher police presence is the only way to make people feel safer."

Nicola Kaye Coxon: "At least you'll be able to see into the underpass from a distance and check for hazardous types!"

Sam Moyes-Robb: No! I never have and never will. It could be broad daylight and something bad could still happen."

Chantel Stace: "Cameras would make the redways safer too."

First glimpse of driverless pods for city

THE launch of the driverless pods today will put Milton Keynes on 'a global stage'.

The first prototype of a driverless pod, *pictured above*, was put on display at stadiummk yesterday – and they are officially being launched in Greenwich today.

The pods – officially called the 'LUTZ pathfinder' – will be tested on pavements across the city. They can seat two people and travel at speeds of up to 15mph. They will be tested on a route expected to be from Milton Keynes Central train station up to the city centre. Geoff Snelson, director of strategy at Milton Keynes Council, told MK NEWS: "We've had a lot excitement from the public and they will hopefully see them within the next 12 months. This project is putting Milton Keynes on a global stage."

A fleet of 40 pods is expected to follow the three prototypes.

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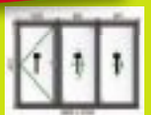
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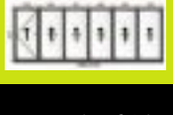
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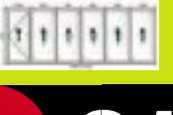
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Save us: Westcroft pharmacist Khalid Hassan with employees Xinhua Jefferies and Julia Massey

Pharmacy at risk of closure

RESIDENTS are rallying behind a pharmacy that is at risk of being kicked out in a dispute over its premises.

Hundreds of people have signed a petition to save Westcroft Pharmacy, which currently operates out of a temporary building in Westcroft Health Centre's car park.

The owners of the pharmacy, which offers services to 5,500 people, are trying to gain planning permission for a permanent premises.

Patient Phupendra Taylor, 70, said: "Their services make my life so much easier.

"A lot of old people like me had to take a taxi to the nearest pharmacy to pick up a repeat prescription but here they deliver the medicine to my door."

Co-owner Wajid Ali said: "In two days we had more than 200 people sign a petition so the pharmacy can remain open."

Westcroft Health Centre failed to comment despite MK NEWS contacting it several times before going to press.

Rude awakening over sex tweets

BY NISHA MAL
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CHILDREN and young adults could be exposed to explicit, sexual images by making an innocent search for Milton Keynes on Twitter.

A search for the city on the social networking site throws up an array of sexually explicit promotional content posted by escort agencies.

On Monday, one Milton Keynes-based escort agency posted 52 times – in many cases the posts contained an image of a naked, or scantily-clad woman.

Tweets tended to contain the agency's telephone number, or a contact number for the woman pictured.

All of the posts contained the hashtag #miltonkeynes – which would mean anyone making an innocent search for the city would find a variety of graphic and sexually suggestive posts.

The posts appear to be in breach of Twitter's strict user policies, which state that 'Twitter prohibits the promotion of adult or sexual products and services globally'.

Antonietta Moch, of The Brooke, a sexual health clinic in Milton Keynes, expressed her concerns at the tweets.

The education and training practitioner said: "People aren't being given the choice to view this content, the choice is being taken away from them.

"I concentrate on educating young people and making them realise it isn't real life, we have to make sure it doesn't spill over into young people's relationships."

MK NEWS contacted nine agencies, all regularly promoting business on Twitter. None of them returned our calls or agreed to comment.

On track for 1,000 jobs

NETWORK Rail has revealed plans for up to 1,000 new jobs at Quadrant:MK.

The group's HR director, Ian Iceton, was speaking at a meeting of MK Council's cabinet on Monday as he urged the authority to listen to the firm's concerns over parking.

Mr Iceton told MK NEWS: "We're in the process to increase the number of people working here by the end of the year, potentially 500 to 1,000 jobs."

■ Read more online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Relationship at 'all time low'

BUSINESS leaders have said their relationship with Milton Keynes Council is at an 'all time low'.

Frustrated workers from Santander, Home Retail Group and Network Rail attended a cabinet meeting at Milton Keynes Council on Monday to protest against plans to increase parking permit charges for workers and the lack of standard rate parking spaces available.

Clive Hawes, director of technology and operations at the council, told the cabinet: "Relations are at an all time low. You are not listening.

"Employees buy a permit for a purple space, but when they can't find one they then have to pay for a red one. Why should people pay twice?"

Sharon Boyd, who works for Home Retail Group, added: "I pay £360 for my permit and my husband pays the same at Network Rail. Now it will go up to £540. It's quite a jump."

The budget plans were recommended nonetheless.

Cllr Matt Clifton, cabinet member for parking, said: "I want to address this and build our bridges with businesses here. They're so important."

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Protect abbey now

WITH reference to your Bradwell Abbey article (*MK NEWS, January 28*).

The failure of the £1.3million bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is a great disappointment for both Milton Keynes Council and the City Discovery Centre (CDC).

The repair and restoration of the buildings does not now have HLF support and it remains essential that both parties work together to seek new funds.

It is equally important that both parties examine their respective roles in the project to date, learn from mistakes and ensure that any failure in the future is avoided.

Bradwell Abbey's heritage buildings are in a state of disrepair and the council as landlord is responsible for their upkeep. Each month that goes by, the neglected buildings deteriorate further and the cost of repair increases.

Having missed out on the HLF funds, the full repair cost falls on the council and the need to act as swiftly as possible is obvious. The people of Milton Keynes have a right to expect that Bradwell Abbey provides the substantial heritage, educational and recreational benefits that were always intended.

I am pleased to say that CDC and the council's heritage team have made a new start and are again working together in order to secure the future of this unique heritage facility.

Steve Crowther
Chairman, CDC board of trustees

Casting light on speed

E. MCMILLAN(*Letters, MK NEWS, January 28*) is only partly right.

It is not speed as such that kills but, as he concedes further on, the wrong speed in the wrong place is a lethal factor.

To that must be added the driver who cannot handle his vehicle at that speed and who cannot anticipate what lies ahead where he is driving.

Here I add another factor. Whenever I do part of my shopping on Thursday evenings, it is not unknown for me to observe a car to emerge from the Sainsbury's car park without its lights on. Now this does have the potential for a fatal accident – as does also the wearing of dark clothing at night by some pedestrians.

Barry Gowland
Fishermead

Did you see Bowie?

I AM currently writing a book about David Bowie's activity in Bucks, Herts and Beds over the years.

I would be most interested to hear from anybody who attended the concerts of David Bowie at The National Bowl in Milton Keynes on July 1, 2 or 3, 1983 (Serious Moonlight tour) or August 4 or 5, 1990 (Sound and Vision tour).

If any readers have any recollections (or even photos) I will be very keen to hear from them.

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Cornerstone generosity

MAY I thank everyone who contributed to this year's Christ the Cornerstone's Christmas Appeal.

We raised £14,685, well ahead of our target and over £5,000 more than last year. This has been shared out across 15 charities many of whose volunteers helped us raise this amount.

I am also very grateful to Santander, intu, and Healds Solicitors for generous donations. But above all I would like to thank the people of Milton Keynes for your generosity.

Sam Crooks
Appeal co-ordinator

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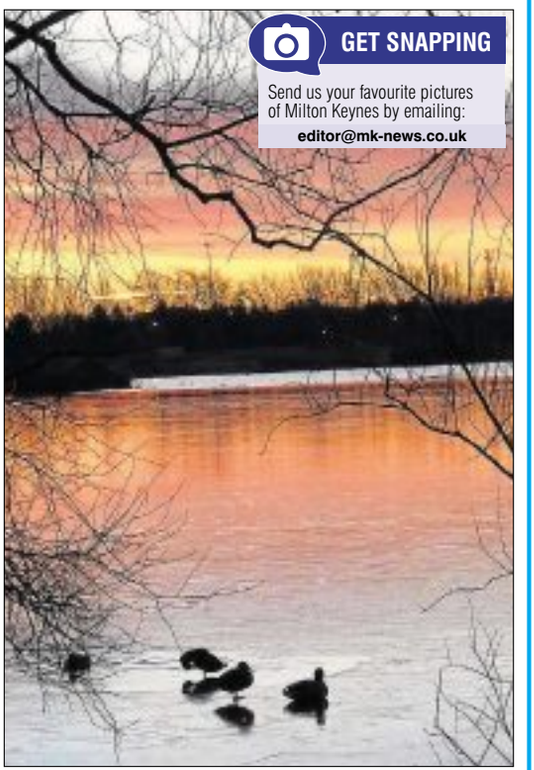

THIS atmospheric shot of the sun rising over Willen Lake was sent in by Ria Sonder and wins her a copy of the Milton Keynes version of Monopoly. Keep submitting your best pictures to be in with a chance of winning your own game.

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

When The Point meant the end for my fleapit

SOME of the country's top film critics have made a pilgrimage to Milton Keynes over the past week or so, all desperate to experience 4DX cinema.

Cineworld at Xscape is the first multiplex in Britain to install the see it, hear it, feel it system which aims to put moviegoers right at the heart of the action. With motion, water, smell and extra lighting and wind effects, it sounds pretty incredible – and so it should be at around £15 per adult ticket.

Sadly, yours truly hasn't been invited along, so I'm unable to say whether it's worth the extra money or not.

Cineworld undoubtedly chose to open its first 4DX theatre in Milton Keynes to steal some of the thunder of the new Odeon cinema, due to open at the stadiummk later this month.

But then it's not the first time Milton Keynes has been at the forefront of cinema innovation. When The Point opened back in the 80s, it was the first multiplex cinema in the country and hosted two movie premieres.

But the opening of The Point wasn't without casualties. It led to the closure of the dearly loved 'fleapit' cinema in Newport Pagnell – where I saw my first X certificate film, Alien, at the age of 14. The site of the old cinema has been transformed into the Tickford Arcade.

And The Studio cinema in Bletchley also ran out of steam long ago and has since been demolished and replaced with shops and offices.

There's nothing quite like a night at the movies, but for a family of four to be waving goodbye to the best part of a hundred quid, with popcorn and drinks, it needs to be a good show.

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Bear necessities for class

CHILDREN from the reception class at Olney Academy had a special visit to John Lewis in Central Milton Keynes on Monday to collect their new classroom mascots.

The school realised it did not have any mascots, so asked the department store, based in the centre:mk, if it could help. Now Brown bear, Panda bear and Polar bear have found a new home with the children and the bears are wearing their specially knitted jumpers courtesy of the partners from the childrenswear and haberdashery departments.

Anne Dodds, community liaison co-ordinator at John Lewis, said: "We were delighted to host the children's visit and hope that they enjoy their new classroom mascots during their first year of school."

Bearing up: Children from Olney Academy met the John Lewis bear when they collected their new school mascots this week

Top of the plops for dog fouling

BY NISHA MAL
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IS THE sight and stench of dog mess plaguing your streets?

In the last two years, Milton Keynes Council has received 780 reports of dog poo polluting the pavements.

Data obtained by MK NEWS using the Freedom of Information Act shows that between February 4, 2013 and January 14, 2015, Stony Stratford was the dog foul hotspot in the city with 237 cases.

The dog mess situation in the town was so bad that in August last year a nursery had to temporarily close.

As MK NEWS reported, residents set up a committee and Facebook page to try and solve their dog mess problem after Russell Street School was forced to close so the carpets could be cleaned after pupils had walked so much of it into the building.

Bletchley was the second worst, with 96 reports, and Wolverton came in a close third with 88 reports.

A Bletchley resident told the council in September 2014: "It is over a year since our baby granddaughter died and during that time the amount of dogs fouling the gravel path around the mausoleum and around her grave has increased greatly.

"You cannot imagine how utterly awful and upsetting it is to constantly clean dog mess from near her grave and to keep washing it down."

In Monkston, one resident complained to the council on January 2 this year that: "After just taking my dog for a walk there is so much poop even he started treading on it along the walk from Lanercost Crescent, Monkston."

In a bid to rid the streets, Wolverton and Greenleys Town's Council issued street cleaners and caretakers with GPS mobile phones to take pictures of dog muck and report it to Milton Keynes Council's contractors for waste.

Town clerk Sally McLellan said: "Dog fouling is an issue and it's rising. There is mess everywhere you go."

Find out the 12 worst-hit dog mess areas in MK:
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MKNEWS BRIEFS

Alleged stabbing
SANCHEZ Simmons, 25, of Boycott Avenue, Oldbrook, was charged with wounding with intent after a 35-year-old man was allegedly stabbed on Saturday. He is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on February 16.

Red Bull record
RED Bull Racing's Daniel Ricciardo beat Lewis Hamilton's Star in a Reasonably Priced Car record on Sunday's Top Gear with a time of 1:42.2.

School cash boost
STANTONBURY Campus will receive a slice of £520million from the Government to improve facilities.

Man injured in fire
ONE man was burnt and two others inhaled smoke after a fire in High Street, Stony Stratford, yesterday.

Drivers are fined for using mobile phones

A WEEK-LONG clampdown on drivers using their mobile phones has seen 65 people from the city fined by the police.

The crackdown was carried out in the last week of January by the Joint Operations Unit (JOU) from Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary.

The focus was to spell out the dangers to motorists of using a mobile phone while driving and the consequences if they do. Sgt Chris Appleby, who led the operation, said: "You are four times more likely to crash if using a mobile phone while in charge of a vehicle."

Excuses from those that were caught included I was just checking the time, I was telling my mother that it wasn't a great time to talk and I was just holding it up by the wheel to get some signal.

Child rapist faces jail term

A FORMER children's home worker from Stony Stratford has been convicted of raping two girls aged 13 and 14.

David May, 66, from King Street, was found guilty yesterday of six sex crimes he committed in the 1980s at his old London home.

He is due to be sentenced tomorrow at Chelmsford Crown Court.

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Family reunion: Relatives of codebreaker Alan Turing, *inset*, came from far and near to meet at Bletchley Park

Turing's family gather at park

BY SARAH LEE
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MORE than 20 members of Alan Turing's family visited Bletchley Park at the weekend, many of them for the first time.

The poignant visit on Sunday came 73 years after their celebrated relative's Second World War codebreaking exploits and was a tribute to his work and legacy.

The visitors saw his office in the iconic Codebreaking Hut 8, the cottages he worked in at the Stableyard and Huts 11 and 11A, which housed his brainchild – the Bombe machines, which he developed with fellow codebreaker, Gordon Welchman.

At the event, Sir John Dermot Turing, nephew of Alan and a Bletchley Park trustee, spoke about the exciting plan to breathe life into the newly-restored, but currently empty, Hut 11A.

It will be used to tell the story of the development of its wartime electro-mechanical residents and the Turing-Welchman Bombe machines.

Sir John also discussed opportunities to get involved with the project by supporting fundraising activities.

He said: "It's great being here. It's a great opportunity to bring the whole family together, some have even come from as far as Germany. The pull of Bletchley Park and Alan's legacy itself has brought us all here together.

"Now the veil has been lifted on Alan's secret role during the war, he finally has the recognition he deserves.

"I have witnessed Bletchley Park grow as a visitor attraction throughout the years – and now, with the help of The Imitation Game, it has really reached its peak.

"Without being rude, it was once an 'inferior' tourist attraction sight – but now it is top class.

"The Imitation Game has brought in a lot of tourism for us here since the film was released. People can see Alan's legacy come to life here, which is wonderful."

When asked what he thought of Benedict Cumberbatch's portrayal of his uncle, Sir John replied: "Benedict Cumberbatch was terrific. It was an excellent piece of casting!"

Movie boosts house prices

ACCORDING to Halifax bank, average house prices in Milton Keynes have risen by 25 per cent to £245,072 due to the filming of The Imitation Game.

The growth outstrips countrywide gains of 21 per cent during the past five years and means house prices in MK are above the British average of £210,242.

The Imitation Game, starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Kiera Knightly, was filmed in Bletchley Park and the surrounding areas before its 2014 release.

Rob Hodgson, senior branch manager for Taylor's Executive Homes, said: "Prices have gone up and it may not be far off a 25 per cent rise.

"At the moment they are very high but buyers are willing to pay it so we need more to come on the market.

"Some of the older streets near Bletchley Park are the best streets in the town and are very popular."

Big night at film awards

SUNDAY was a big day for the Turning family in more ways than one.

Following their visit to Bletchley Park, some of them rushed off to London to be guests at the BAFTAS, where The Imitation Game was nominated for Best Film.

Alan's eldest niece, Inaugh Payne, said: "Benedict Cumberbatch played Alan very well. He captured his mannerisms and his awkwardness perfectly – but he didn't stammer enough!

"Alan had a very noticeable and pronounced stammer when he spoke."

Inaugh, 78, told MK NEWS that her first memory of her uncle Alan was when she was five years old.

She said "I was sitting on his lap and I was bothering the life out of him – asking him lots of questions about what he was doing in the war, as the grown-ups used to say it was a mystery. He was very kind and very patient with me.

"I feel so proud to be related to the man who helped shorten the war."

"It's wonderful that Alan is now getting the recognition he deserves."

Inaugh also said that she found comfort in meeting other members of the family.

Rachel Barnes, Alan Turing's great niece, added: "It's wonderful that all the family have paid tribute to Alan at Bletchley Park.

"Everyone was excited to finally see examples of his work."

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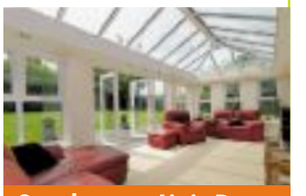
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University fights extreme weather

BY NISHA MAL
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SCIENTISTS at Cranfield University will be monitoring extreme weather conditions in the UK in an effort to prevent disasters in the future.

The project, which will launch in October this year, will see academics surveying snow, storms and flooding to help accurately forecast foreboding weather patterns as an early warning mechanism.

Information collected from drones, soil, satellites and samples will be collected over the next four years and fed into a computer to help determine when disasters will strike.

Cranfield scientists will work alongside the University of Birmingham, the University of Newcastle and the University of Cambridge on the project.

Pro-vice chancellor of The School of Energy at Cranfield, Professor Simon Pollard, *pictured*, said: "Hazards caused by the environment, like extreme weather, have an impact on the community immediately.

"We want to manage risks so they don't have as big an impact.

"If we listen to what the data will tell us we should be able to reduce disasters. Prevention is much cheaper.

"Once we have all the data we can understand connected parts of the natural environment better and make them more resilient."

The project will cost the Government £2.5million, however, Prof Pollard has said private industries will top-up the money over the four years.

The students involved will have access to national research from various land and soil data companies across the country.

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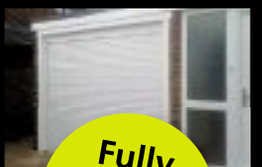

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Council apology to respite family

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes Council has apologised to a father and his autistic son after it failed to tell them about new charges to its respite care.

In July last year, Paul Ridley was shocked to receive a £71.55 bill for his 26-year-old son Keith's stay at the Carer's Short Breaks Service in Fishermead, which for the last four years had been subsidised by the council.

After an investigation by the ombudsman, the council has apologised to the 49-year-old and his family, from Wolverton, and paid them £100 for the mistake and footed the original £71.55 bill.

The Ridleys will still have to pay £45 a week for Keith's care.

Paul said: "We are happy with the outcome. "We have got to take Keith's care costs on the chin because the changes are happening up and down the country. At least the amount is correct now."

Keith, who is autistic and has epilepsy, had received free respite care for two days a week and one weekend a month to give Paul and his wife Sarah, who are their son's full-time carers, a break.

Worrying time: MK Council's new charges for respite care led to months of distress for Paul and Sarah Ridley and their son Keith

After receiving the original bill Keith had to stay at home for three weeks as the Ridleys couldn't afford the new rate.

The stress surrounding the affair contributed towards Paul suffering a heart attack – he now has to take daily medication for angina.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Paul said the family faced a choice between eating and footing the bill for respite care.

A council spokesman said: "The council puts its hands up to this one – we made a mistake. We realise this has caused upset and confusion and we apologise unreservedly, not only to Mr Ridley, but anyone else who feels they were caught unawares by these changes."

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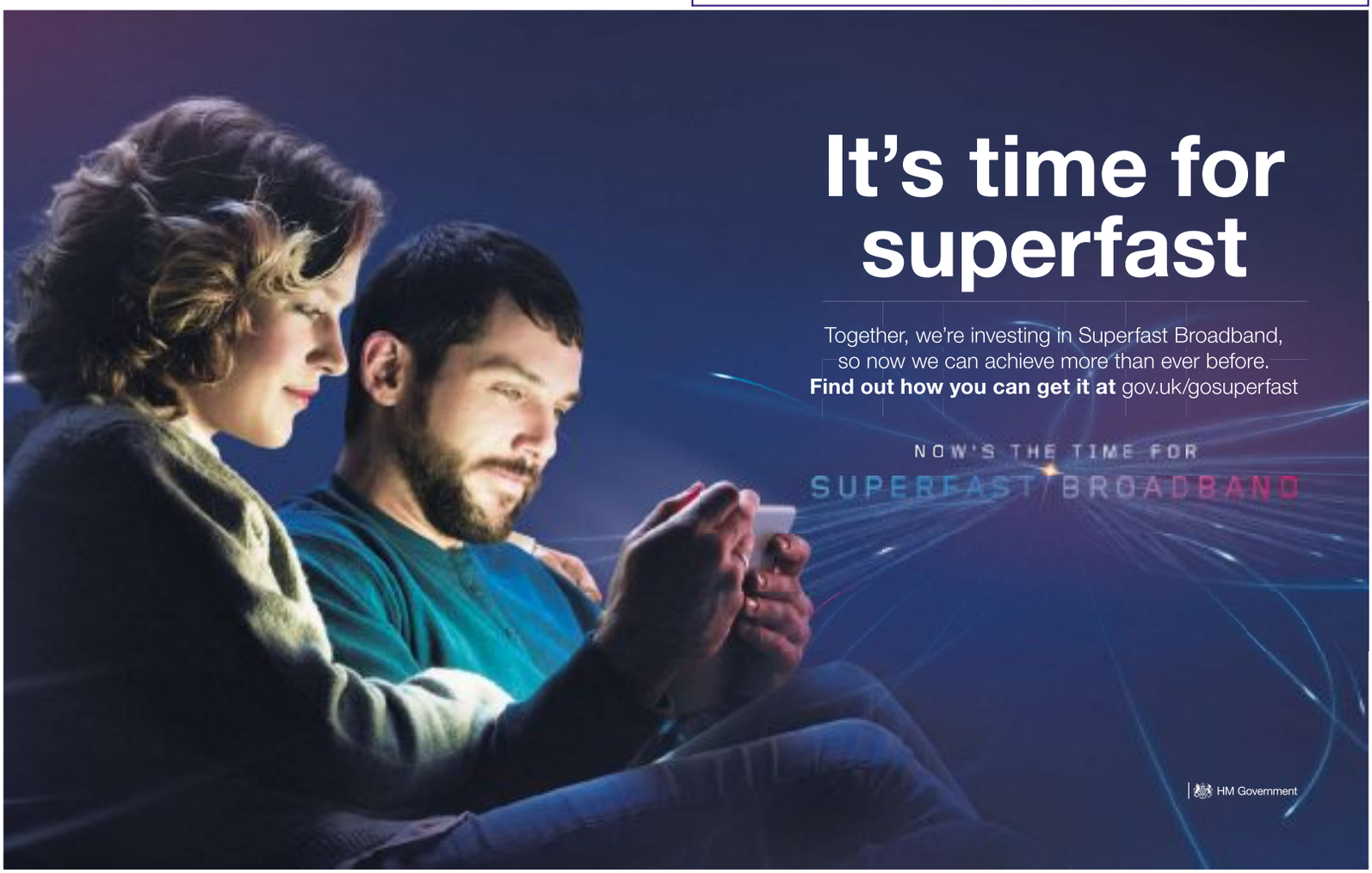

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We've recently set up a new web page specifically for new residents which can be found at **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/newresidentswaste.** Here you can find out the containers we use, which day your waste is collected and more including information for residents in flats. You can also download a copy of our 'Quick Guide to Waste and Recycling' which will help you understand which items we can recycle in our scheme.

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Do you have memories of Wolverton Works? Do you recognise any of the people in the photographs?

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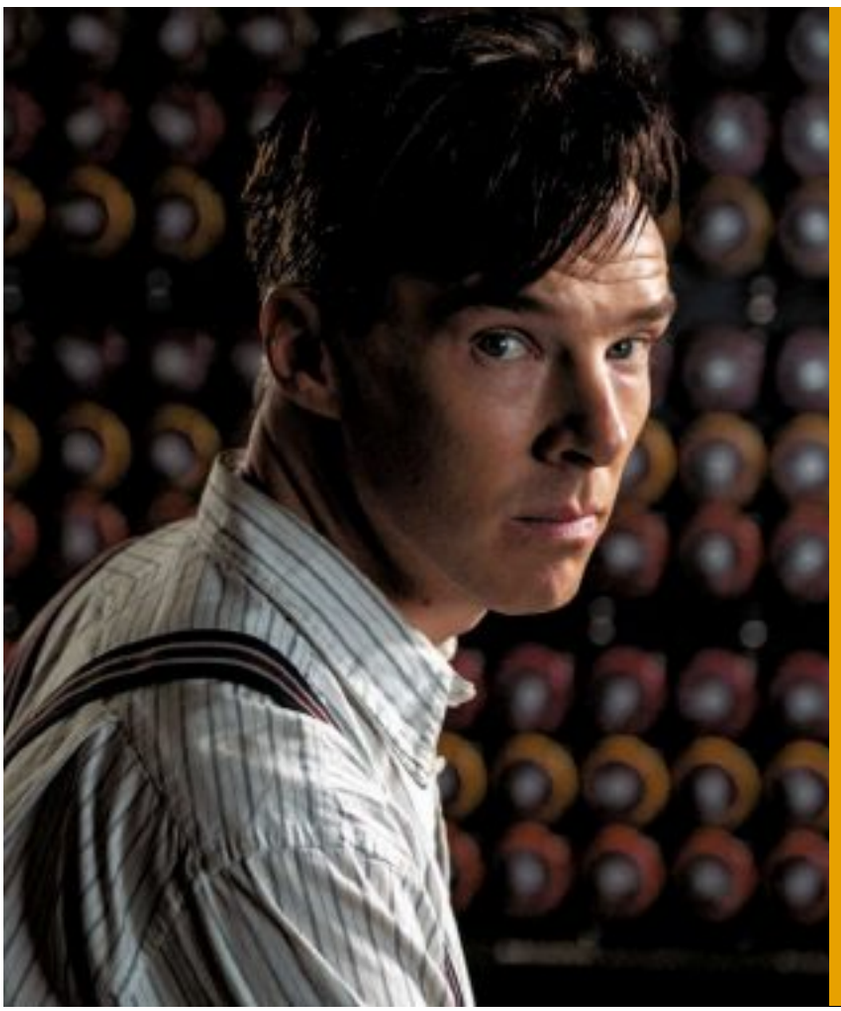

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Kicking off: Residents in Conniburrow are upset that land at Coltsfoot Place has been identified for possible development – as it is the only place on the estate where kids can play football

Anger at site plans

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESIDENTS living on a city estate are outraged that a play area has been earmarked as a potential site for new homes.

Milton Keynes Council has identified Coltsfoot Place in Conniburrow as a site where 13 homes could be built and Ramsons Avenue for 11 homes, angering nearby residents.

Charlie Davies, a resident and community development worker for Big Local Conniburrow, said: "Coltsfoot Place is the only green space in the estate for kids to play on and have a kick about.

"Then the land at Ramsons Avenue has just had a play area put in and now they want houses on it. It's daft."

David Stabler is lead councillor for planning at Great Linford Parish Council, which covers Conniburrow.

He said: "I fail to see what is driving this outrageous land grab other than the inability of MKC to properly manage and maintain the legacy of community open spaces."

The site has been earmarked as one of 67 potential sites in the council's Site Allocations Plan, which identifies areas for smaller developments.

Other proposals include 97 flats at Station Square and potential flats next to the soon-to-be-built multi-storey car park at John Lewis.

Mick Legg, cabinet member responsible for the plan, was keen to stress that 'no decisions had been made'.

He told MK NEWS: "We are putting the plan out for consultation until April 18 and we will take on board the views of councils and residents for specific sites."

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Wrapped up: Sarah Spicer, who is running classes on how to use reusable nappies in Old Wolverton. She says they can save parents hundreds of pounds

Nappy days return

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REUSABLE nappies are enjoying a big boom in Old Wolverton as parents and little tots are flocking to 'how to' classes to learn how to use them.

From the time they are born to the age of two-and-a-half years old, each baby will use between 4,000 and 6,000 disposable nappies, costing parents around £1,200 for popular brands like Huggies and Pampers.

Mum Sarah Spicer, who runs classes on how parents can use washable nappies, said: "I wanted William and Kate to use them when they had baby George. Then they would have been all over OK magazine and people would have used them more.

"People think they are complicated and still look how they used to in the 1960s. These are the more traditional terry nappies and I always see them being used on Call The Midwife.

"I began using reuseable nappies when I had my first child 13 years ago. They are financially more beneficial and are better for children with sensitive skin."

Sarah runs classes for mothers on all the various types of washable nappies that are available and also gives demonstrations on how they can be used.

Unlike earlier versions, which used pins and involved plenty of fussing and folding, modern nappies have poppers, like baby grows, and take little effort to put on.

Modern reuseables also come in many different designs from denim and leopard print to bamboo patterns. According to Sarah they only add two to three more washes per week to a family's washing load.

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Vandals wreck school bus plan

BY NISHA MAL
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PRIMARY school children were left confused and upset after a double-decker bus parked outside their school was vandalised.

Staff at Swallowfield Lower School in Woburn Sands bought the bus last year and were halfway through converting it into a library.

But staff came into work one morning to find vandals had come onto the school grounds, smashed the bus windows, painted graffiti all over it and left empty bottles of alcohol.

Year Four teacher Helen Woodman said: "The children didn't understand, how do you explain why somebody would do such a thing?

"The teachers were really sad. The school sits on a cul-de-sac and at the back is a big playing field, so they would have easily noticed the bus sitting outside.

"We've had an issue with vandals before. A little while ago they came and damaged the covering of our outdoor pool."

Helen is now trying to find volunteers, local mechanics and window fitters to help repair the bus for free.

She said: "The damage means we're going to have to hold back on converting it into a library until the windows are replaced and everything is repaired."

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Bus blues: Swallowfield Lower School pupils alongside their vandalised bus

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War of the roses

Saying it with flowers: Katie Longman from Daisy Chain

BY NISHA MAL
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RESTAURANTS are doing hearty business ahead of Valentine's Day, with more than half of places in Milton Keynes fully booked or with a handful of tables left.

On the other hand, interest seems to have wilted in the bouquet market, with some florists finding it harder to bring in customers who are increasingly tempted by supermarket offers .

Emma Hewitt, who works as a florist at Daisy Chain in Parneleys, Milton Keynes Village, said: "People haven't got the money any more and flowers have become a luxury.

"We have seen a decline in the last few years when it comes to February 14. Perhaps people aren't as romantic anymore."

It seems the traditional 12 roses are still a firm favourite, but for couples who haven't been together very long, a single rose works perfectly.

Owner of Daisy Chain, Katie Longman, said: "If you go into Tesco on Valentine's Day you'll see it's packed with people queuing up and buying flowers.

"We have to order our stock in weeks before and it can cost thousands of pounds to buy vast amounts of roses."

But it seems it's a different story for restaurants. Co-owner of the Crooked Billet in Newton Longville, David Pugh, said: "We're fully booked but we've had one cancellation because the couple broke up. There are still people who try calling the night before, but because Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year most places are busier than they have been before.

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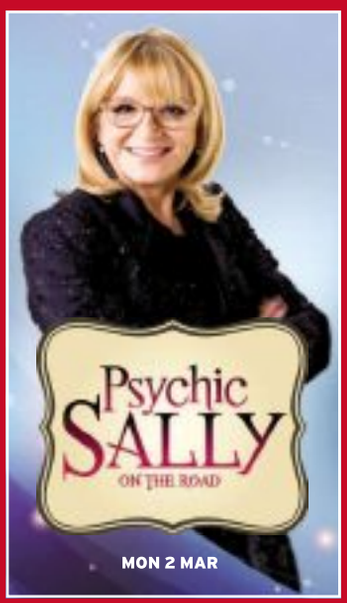

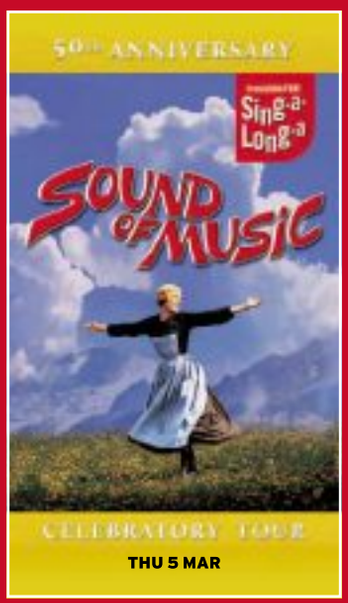

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Our very worst Valentine's Day dates

Twenty-one-year-old Ellie Lees
"I once went on a date with a guy who decided to pocket the tip I left for the waiter. At first I thought it was a joke, until the waiter returned to collect the bill and my date still refused to part with the money. Apparently he 'didn't like the way the waiter had been looking at me', so that was his stingy revenge. He went on to 'treat me' to a drink with the money he'd essentially stolen…not quite the most romantic gesture I was hoping for."

Harriet Scoot, 22, Milton Keynes
"I was single, so I spent my evening with my mother. The most romantic thing about my night was the fact she made me heart-shaped toast on a heart-shaped plate."

Rachel Halley, 27, Milton Keynes
"I went for a drink with a guy I'd recently met on a night out. During the date, in a relatively quiet pub, he kept mouthing along to the songs in the background. It was funny until I had to keep interrupting his solo performance and repeat what I'd been saying. Suddenly, when Bruno Mars' Just The Way You Are started playing, he burst into very loud and very embarrassing song. Everyone watched as I was serenaded with the entire song, complete with hand gestures. When he'd finished, I announced that I really needed to get home for an 'early night.' "

Some love-ly ways to spend the day

BY FAITH BLUMBERGER
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IF YOU'RE struggling to make a booking or looking for an alternative to the traditional Valentine's Day dinner date, here are some different date ideas.

Why not take your date to Woburn Safari Park? From bears to boas, from lions to lemurs, there's something for everyone. The park is open from 9.30am-4pm (last entry 3pm). Tickets cost £19.49 for adults from www.woburnsafari.co.uk or £20.49 on the gate.

What better way to break the ice than to hit the ice rink? Planet Ice Milton Keynes is holding a Valentine's Breakout Disco, combining ice-skating and karaoke. The Valentine's Disco takes place on Friday from 8-10.30pm. Tickets cost £9.20 with a buy one, get one free offer from www.planet-ice.co.uk/arena/Milton_Keynes

If you're worried about a candlelit dinner being too formal head on over to Xscape. Boasting an indoor ski slope, indoor skydiving, a cinema, bowling alley, arcade and more, there's plenty of choice. Get to know each other over tapas or go head to head in a bowling match. Details at www.xscape.co.uk/milton-keynes

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Juicy joy: Cheryl Palmer concocts one of her delicious and healthy drinks

Squeezy does it

BY JACK ASH
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SERIOUS health problems led to Cheryl Palmer discovering the nutricious benefits of juices and the foundation of the Community Juice Bar.

The bar, running Saturday mornings at Shenley Church End Leisure Centre, raises funds for the charity PINNT (Patients On Intravenous and Nasogastric Nutrition), which supports people of all ages who are artificially fed.

The idea for a juice bar originally started after Cheryl had to retire from her role as a community nurse on health grounds.

She became dependant on artificial nutrition in 2012 – she is fed for 16 hours a day via a permanent line into a vein in her neck.

Cheryl said: "As my health deteriorated my passion for 'food as medicine' soared. Since I absorb very little from my restricted oral diet, I try to ensure that everything I take is nutritionally complete and beneficial. I wanted to share this with the local community and raising funds for PINNT is such a privilege."

Single mum Cheryl, 39, from Crownhill, also uses surplus fruit and vegetables from small wholesaler Stuart Parkin in Olney.

Customers are offered tempting drinks, including ginger and lime shots, carrot, apple and tangerine juice and cookie dough smoothies.

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Rare computer part is donated

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A VERY rare original part of one of the world's first computers has resurfaced in the USA and has been donated to The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC) in Bletchley.

The discovery suggests that other parts of EDSAC – the Electronic Delay Storage Automatic Calculator – may still be in existence.

EDSAC was built immediately after the Second World War by a team led by Sir Maurice Wilkes in the Mathematical Laboratory of the University of Cambridge in the late 1940s, but it is now being reconstructed by a team at TNMOC.

The EDSAC display, recently opened at TNMOC, enables visitors to see the ongoing reconstruction of one of the most influential early computers.

The part, a chassis (1A), designed to hold 28 of the 3,000 EDSAC valves, has just been donated to the EDSAC team at TNMOC and the reconstruction is expected to be completed later this year.

Missing link: Project leader Andrew Herbert with EDSAC

The part is believed to have been acquired at an auction of EDSAC parts in Cambridge in the 1950s when the computer was decommissioned.

Andrew Herbert, leader of the EDSAC reconstruction project at TNMOC, said: "Details of the 'auction' are unclear, but there is a possibility that other parts of the original EDSAC still exist.

"We would very much like to hear from anyone who thinks they may have other parts."

The Chassis 1A was donated by Robert Little, from Allentown, Pennsylvania, USA, after he read about the EDSAC reconstruction project at TNMOC.

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Jesus back with

BY JACK ASH
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ST MARK'S church doesn't have a bell tower, or a fancy altar and stained glass windows. In fact, it doesn't even have a building.

This new style of church in Milton Keynes is based on going out to places where people most need its services.

Communion wine will certainly be in good supply for its latest venture – holding services in Xscape's Revolution Bar on Thursday evenings.

Having tried the experiment first with a carol service in a cinema, and now meeting each Sunday in the Buszy, St Mark's is expanding its outreach style of services. It even has its own accounts on social networking sites Facebook and Twitter.

Although it might be an unusual place for a church to meet, the Rev Paul Oxley, who is a regular on BBC Radio 2, believes you feel similar emotions in church as you do in a bar.

He said: "Most evenings in a bar people experience joy, hope, love, rejection, friendship and usually all before realising that the glass is empty and the feelings have gone.

"But Jesus seemed to spend a lot of his time with party people, who were searching for meaning to life that didn't evaporate at closing time.

"The church has a history of trying to do things a little differently and people who visit are often surprised at how normal it feels."

Communion wine: The Rev Paul Oxley at Revolution where St Mark's church is holding services

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Most evenings in a bar people experience joy, hope, love, rejection

Just the ticket: The Rev Paul Oxley invited people to a carol service at Cineworld in Xscape

Russell Chopping, 41, Milton Keynes: "I was originally very angry at church. This is what Jesus was talking of and it suits me and my family as sometimes we can't get up and out on a Sunday morning for a service.

Nina Castree, 28, MK: "We are not here to diss or poach other churchgoers, we are filling a niche and meeting a need. We are doing what feels right. It is sometimes hard to feel a sense of community in Milton Keynes and we want to get people together."

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Candid camera: Tim Liggins has plans to launch a local TV channel in time for Milton Keynes' 50th anniversary. It will give people the chance to share their experiences of living in the area

TV stardom awaits

BY NISHA MAL

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FOR anyone who has ever had a yearning to be on the television, now is your chance to shine.

Plans are in motion for Milton Keynes to get its own television channel in time for the city's 50th anniversary in 2017.

So, if you have a story to tell your opportunity could be just around the corner.

The project has been set up by businessman Tim Liggins.

He said: "Anyone who has a story to tell or an idea can get involved. The plans are still very much in progress but I want it to be a legacy of Milton Keynes.

"I am not looking for professionals only, it's amazing what people can do with their smartphones and a selfie stick these days.

"It is going to very much be a resource for people to look back at and review the last 50 years of the city."

The channel will be called MK50/50 and Tim hopes it will be up and running before the anniversary in two years.

He is currently in the process of creating a website.

He added: "I want to create a kind of questionnaire so people can register their interest in making a show. I'm looking for as many people as possible, as we're quite a small team so far."

Tim wants to set up a centre where people can go and tell their stories about living in MK to the camera and thinks The Point is the perfect location.

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Wheelchair rugby is going for a spin

BY JACK ASH
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ALL the thrills and spills of wheelchair rugby are heading to Milton Keynes ahead of some of this year's Rugby World Cup matches being played at stadiummk.

Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby (GBWR), in partnership with Milton Keynes Council, will be bringing one of the most exciting sports from London 2012 to MK.

The initiative will provide a chance for anyone who is disabled to try the game for themselves.

Paul Arnold, GBWR regional development officer, said that if there is enough interest in the sport then a community club could be set up for people to play and train in the future.

The first session will be held at Stantonbury Leisure Centre on Sunday from 1-3pm and is available for free to anyone over the age of 16.

An experienced coach will be in charge, with all equipment and chairs provided for those taking part.

Mr Arnold was keen to reassure anyone put off from videos they may have seen of the elite level of the sport, which is also named 'murderball.'

At the top level players are regularly tearing about and crashing into each other, but at grassroots level it is much safer and gentler, with the chairs designed to take the impact, rather than the people in them.

While you must be disabled to take part in the sessions, you don't have to be wheelchair-bound.

The sessions will provide part of the rugby legacy that will succeed this summer's tournament.

Further sessions, also running from 1-3pm, will be held on Sunday, February 15, Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 8.

For details and to register contact Mr Arnold on 07872 664927, or paul.arnold@gbwr.org.uk.

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A MILTON Keynes handbag company can keep its name – after an international travel agency dropped its claims that the firm's name was 'too similar'.

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SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel No: 0985 000 1880 Box No: 413399

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SARAH 39yr old pretty slim single mum of one, interesting, lively, good fun, enjoys nights in/out, music, seeking similar easy going, genuine, honest man/lad to get to know. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415941

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MELANIE, sophisticated solvent brunette slim working mum of any age, in 30yrs. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4027443**

LISA attractive petite Filipina female, very lonely, wanting to find love, companionship and to be happy, looking for friendship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415949

LINDY, new to area, hoping to meet kind manly of any age, looks unimportant, in 40yrs blonde and pretty. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4027444**

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PAMELA, married/ex boring man? Text only for fun phone antics. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4024149**

JENNY voluptuous blonde tanned well presented female, enjoys being and giving pampering, cooking, sexy nights, looking for some broadminded exchange. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415309

JULIA, seeks fifty shades of grey! You should be strong minded and seeking fun. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4027448**

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JOYCE 39, attractive GSOH, loves nights out, travel, toys, fun to be with, looking for mature male for adult companionship, meals out and hopefully more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415361

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TEMI separated single lady, blonde, blue eyes, slim, WLTM compatible male for genuine friendship, meals out, weekends away, nights out and more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414301

EMMA slim 28 5ins, single employed female with OHAC, enjoys many interests, gym, music, easy-going, genuine, supportive, seeking similar male for a chat, maybe a date. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414657

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PAT blonde blue eyed curvy, cuddly female, attractive, likes swimming, gardening, holidays, my pet/home, looking for happiness with quiet content grounded man. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415933

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MANDY 36, petite attractive slim female with very GSOH, likes to keep fit, meals in/out, WLTM genuine child friendly guy/dad for fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415515

ESTER old white guy, seeking black female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413733

JANE mature blonde, enjoys most things in life, adventurous, fun, seeks male, 55 plus, any culture. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414149

DEBBIE brown eyed attractive social female, romantic, good listener, loves children, looking for similar nice natured to get to know, hopefully leading to more. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414089

JANE 48yr old young looking professional female, tall, green eyes, attractive, size 12-14, enjoys walking, keeping active, nights in/out, good conversationalist, seeking adult male. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414729

BLANE 30, fit, sexy, curvy black lady, very feminine, loves wining, dining, nights in, seeks solvent white 40's male who is passionate, loving and caring. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414711

DAWN 34, petite auburn haired female, size 12, sensitive, loving, affectionate, WLTM similar honesty male who will spend lots of quality times with me to be. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414408

KAREN 36 petite dark hair/eyed affectionate, caring, lovely female with many interests looking for genuine to mon loving soul mate, dark haired preferred. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414407

JULIE good looking 40's female, medium build, size 12, loveable, considerate, OHAC, likes nights in/out, walking, seeking loving male without lots of baggage. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414387

HELEN 19yr old bubbly female looking for male to take me out and show me a good time. No pressure just fun times, no time wasters. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414820

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KAREN young looking attractive vibrant slim blonde, enjoys to keep fit, beach walks, travel, meals in/out, good conversation with pleasant company, WLTM genuine sincere male. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414203

MARY tall blonde size 12 lady, nice personality, good conversationalist, varied and open to interests, loves weekends away/holidays, seeking similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414179

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CAROLINE 30's attractive blonde workaholic, seeking handsome guy up to 47yrs to add some fun and sparkle back into my life. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413345

PAT attractive slim early haired full professional, not looking for drawn out romance just the fun stuff to fit into my busy lifestyle, non-judgemental people pls not. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413465

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SARAH attractive 25yr old single female, slim, feminine with long hair and big eyes, enjoys being fit and healthy, socialising, WLTM male 18-35 for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 413423

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YOUNG good looking 33 yr old energetic mixed race male looking for discreet no strings casual fun times. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4026525**

JOHN seeking slim white lady, any age for fun times in the Reading area. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415935

MATTHEW, 40 widower, business manager, solvent, reasonable looks but lonely. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4024180**

ASIAN male, 37, normal build, seeking indian female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 415663

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ALEX genuine Scottish male, 52, GSOH, solvent, no ties, seeks female with GSOH for nights in and out. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414651

SAYR old male, likes countryside, animals, meals out, history, DIY, Fl, seeking female. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 414141

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MALE 49, tall, slim, likes countryside, animals, walks, music, history, nights in, seeks female. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 397189

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Men seeking men

GUY 51, b, 5ft 10ins, medium build, seeking similar male for discreet fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 410041

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Model railway fans will be chuffed at extended show

ARE you completely loco about trains? Then shunt over to Milton Keynes Model Railway Society's annual exhibition at Stantonbury Leisure Centre on Saturday.

The show, running from 10am to 5pm, will feature more than 40 layouts and 35 trade stands, plus there will also be discounts for visitors who travel to the show by rail.

The exhibition manager, Terry Silver, said: "We are delighted that our exhibition has become a major event in the Milton Keynes area.

"We have been very impressed with the support we have received from everyone at Stantonbury Leisure Centre and look forward to what promises to be an excellent, great value family day out."

With the extra space gained by moving the event to Stantonbury Leisure Centre, this year's event will be bigger than ever.

Stantonbury's events administrator, Vera Lowe, said: "The exhibition has grown in popularity and is an ideal event for families, especially at the start of the school half-term. We look forward to welcoming visitors."

Ticket prices are £5 for adults, £3 for children and £10 for a family. Rail ticket discounts will be 50p for adults and children and £1 for families.

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SPRING into action this half-term when Milton Keynes Museum hosts five days of holiday activities geared to young visitors.

From Monday to February 20 there will be demonstrations, displays and dozens of fun things to do as the museum does its bit to occupy young and old while school is out.

Among the attractions will be extraordinary science demonstrations with Professor Beamish, fantastic magic lantern shows, the chance to turn back the clock and make music the way the Victorians did and domestic science in the kitchen making hot buttered toast over the range.

All the usual attractions are also waiting to entrance those who prefer their history living and breathing, from attending a class in the Victorian schoolroom and playing with toys from another age, to the irresistible hands-on Connected Earth gallery. Two adults and up to four children are guaranteed a full day out for just £25. The museum is open from 11am-4.30pm each day.

Circusspectacular

JOHN Lawson's Circus returns to Frosts Garden Centre at Woburn Sands from Saturday until Friday, February 20.

The award-winning circus and its talented troupe will be wowing the crowds with spectacular performances and unveiling lots of new acts ready to delight and astound.

Children and parents are guaranteed to be on the edge of their seats in amazement as the acts perform jaw-dropping stunts.

Marketing manager at Frosts, Gabbie Robinson, said: "Following on from the hugely successful Hallowe'en circus, it is a pleasure to have John Lawson and his incredible artists back at Frosts.

"It's the perfect half-term activity and a brilliant family day out."

The shows will be at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm each day, with performances lasting an hour. Be sure to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Tickets cost £6.99 per person from www.frostsgroup.digitickets.co.uk. The show is suitable for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

dinosaurdrama

FORGET Jurrasic Park, dinosaurs are coming much closer to home when they take over intu Milton Keynes this February half term.

The centre's Kid's Club is teaming up with Gulliver's Dinosaur and Farm Park for a roaring dino week.

The dinosaur invasion will see life-sized replicas of a Brachiosaurus, the legendary Velociraptor, a family of Triceratops, an Iguanodon and a Europasaurus dotted around the shopping centre.

There will also be plenty of fun activities for children including dry mineral panning, a dinosaur hunt and colouring fun.

The spectacular display and activities will be in place all week for families to enjoy for free from Saturday 14 until February 22.

Activities are open to children of all ages – parents can sign up at the customer information desk at any time during the centre'sopening hours.

Children will receive a goody bag when they sign up, and they'll be the first to meet the brand new intu

elephantencounters

IT HAS really been a cold few weeks recently and the keepers here at Woburn Safari Park have done a brilliant job of ensuring the animals are well looked after and warm enough in their specially designed houses.

RANGER Bob Streatfeild, from Woburn Safari Park, writes his monthly column for MK LIFE. This month he talks about how you can meet the park's elephants

Our animals also have day shelters out in the Road Safari reserves, so you'll still see them even if the weather isn't at its warmest.

I was happy to be able to meet the winner of our elephant calf naming competition, Hayley Palmer.

She brought her friends along for the day and I took them out on a special VIP Off Road Experience before they got the chance to meet newly-named Tarli and have a picture with our Asian elephant herd matriarch, Chandrika.

Our exciting Elephant Encounters are now available to book and these get you up close to our wonderful elephants including Tarli.

You'll get the chance to join the elephants and their keepers on a special afternoon walk where you can see their natural behaviours and learn more about the herd.

It really is an absolute treat for any animal lover. Give me a call on 01525 292124 for more information.

I look forward to telling you more next time and welcoming you to the park soon.

jerseyhighlights

HITTING some of the most famous falsetto notes in pop history, Tim Driesen has made the role of Frankie Valli in The Jersey Boys his own.

The most surprising thing is that the actor/singer, who so successfully portrays the New York singer, actually hails from Belgium, although he has spent the last 15 years based in the UK. And he's well on the way to becoming famous.

His singing voice has a range of four octaves – which happens to be exactly one of the requirements for playing the role of Frankie Valli in the hit musical, Jersey Boys, which is at Milton Keynes Theatre until Saturday.

Back in the pre-Beatles early 60s, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons were one of the first ever boy bands. They came from the wrong side of the New Jersey tracks.

Tim said: "Jersey Boys has been a runaway success. It's truly a rags to riches story.

"From that part of New York at that time, the only way out was to go into the army, the Mafia or become a star.

"It took the Four Seasons 10 years to get their first hit. It's not hard to get one hit but to get so many is extraordinary. It's just amazing how many hits there are in the back catalogue. But it's the script writing too.

"People come for the music but they stay for the story.

"The biggest accolade you can have is that women will come and see the show and drag along their husbands and boyfriends, and then three weeks later the guys will be back with their mates to watch the show again!"

Though he didn't come from a showbiz family, from a young age Tim was performing shows in his back garden.

Later on he joined a band, and show credits to date include Never Forget, based on the music of Take That (Tim took on the Mark Owen role) and Rock of Ages.

Tim added: "I'm absolutely the actor to go to when what you need is a boy band performer. I always wanted to be in a boy band. I love 'em, I love bringing pop music into the theatre."

Ticket prices range from £15 upwards and are available from www.atgtickets.com

valentine'sideas

VALENTINE'S Day is just around the corner, and if you're struggling to book a table for dinner here are some great alternative ideas on how you and your loved one can spend the day.

Why not pamper yourselves with a massage and enjoy a spot of rest and recreation. The day spa at Whittlebury Hall is offering overnight packages on February 14. This includes a full English breakfast and use of the spa and leisure facilities.

Take advantage of the hydro pool, salt steam, crystal steam and the Jacuzzi. Packages cost £295 per couple and can be booked online at www.whittleburyhall.co.uk.

Alternatively head for the great outdoors. We're blessed with plenty of beautiful parks in MK, including Campbell Park, Willen Lake and Chepstow Drive Park in Bletchley, so why not enjoy a leisurely stroll on a Saturday afternoon and take in the scenery? You might also be lucky enough to spot a few birds like the Goldeneye, Goosander and Pochard. Take a picnic and make a day of it.

mirthfulmills

BURSTING onto the London Comedy circuit in 1985, Bob Mills turned the alternative establishment on it's head with his unique, challenging brand of laddish stand-up humour.

Over the next 10 years he became known as one of the leading comedians in the UK, as well as putting together a string of acclaimed TV credits.

On television, he is probabaly best known for his performances as the host of ITV's Win Lose or Draw.

Bob has also hosted There's Only One Brian Moore and Not A Lot Of People Know That for BBC1.

Bob will be at The Red Dot Bar at the stadiummk. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. They can be bought from www.comedycow.co.uk

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VALENTINE'S Day gifts for your loved one could just get easier – all thanks to the centre:mk.

The shopping centre – which was opened by Margaret Thatcher in 1979 – is offering one lucky MK LIFE reader all the enticements to woo the person they have a crush on.

This prize ticks all the boxes for winning favour and treating your Valentine to a momorable day.

It includes a beautiful, Italian-made bracelet and two charms set with Swarovski crystals from Nomination Italy (RRP £69).

Then there will be an indulgent hamper made for two from Hotel Chocolat, including a selection of chocolates, truffles, Cocoa Beer and a bottle of Sparkling Rosé (RRP £50).

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curryheaven

ALTHOUGH it is seven months since I graduated from university, my reliance on a good curry house has not wavered at all in that time.

So it was a relief to find Mastee serving up original and aromatic curry straight from the streets of Calcutta.

Based in Bletchley the restaurant is up for best newcomer in the Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire Food and Drink Awards and you certainly feel in safe hands here.

I think we are all guilty of ordering the same dishes time after time and never really looking properly through a menu and so I was determined to dig a little deeper into what Mastee had to offer.

It did not disappoint having created a menu that encourages you to try different dishes and widen your flavour pallet.

If you enjoy meat on the bone dishes then this is the place for you, with chicken and beef dishes that take full advantage of this juicy meat and served true to their eastern roots.

I went for the Mastee Banquet that starts with a selection of chicken tikka, lamb kofta, vegetable samosa and an onion bhaji.

The quartet was beautifully seasoned, the bhaji was a golden delight and the chicken tikka was incredibly fragrant.

When the main course arrrived I was presented with a tantalising array of hot and mild curries with coconut and citrus notes.

The chicken jafrezi was beautifully spiced, the vegetable curry was crunchy and subtle and the chicken tikka masala was everything you hoped it would be.

Mastee go above and beyond the curry places I visited in the north of England at university.

Jack Ash

jupiterascending

HERE'S a tip that can save you wasting a couple of hours of your life – stay well away from the Wachowski's new film, Jupiter Ascending.

I had prepared myself for it to be bad after other reviews that had been circulating, but you know it's bad when even the kids you have taken aren't that impressed.

Jupiter Ascending is a 2015 space opera written, produced and directed by Lana and Andy Wachowski.

The film is centred on Jupiter Jones played, by Mila Kunis, a down-on-her-luck cleaning woman, and Caine Wise (Channing Tatum), an interplanetary warrior who informs Jones that her destiny extends beyond earth.

But all I can say about it is that it was boring and there were only two positives that I took away from it.

One, Channing Tatum, I have to admit, isn't bad to look at and acted the heartthrob as per usual.

Two, Eddie Redmayne gave the best performance by far, creating in Balem Abrasax the most interesting character in the movie. He portrayed the stock baddie as complex, dramatic and scary.

But I imagine after the universal panning of the film he will be thought of for his BAFTA award-winning performance in The Theory of Everything and not for this.

My boyfriend fell asleep and the kids we took were restless and bored, despite the action scenes and links to the Matrix.

My advice would be to give this one a miss.

★☆☆☆☆ **Jessica Duncan**

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indielegend

POPULAR 1970s indie band Echo and the Bunnymen's frontman, Ian McCulloch, will be giving a rare solo performance at The Stables.

As well as acoustic versions from Echo and the Bunnymen's extensive catalogue of music, he will also be playing his own tracks. Ian will be playing at The Stables, in Wavendon, on March 6 at 8pm. Tickets cost £19.50 and can be bought from www.stables.org

runningaway

THE Festival of Running and Milton Keynes Half Marathon, including new event 'the MK20 miler', will be taking place next month for lovers of running.

Although this seems like a long way off, entries close on March 5 and it is advised people sign up two weeks before the deadline. The races are great for training, keeping fit or for achieving a new personal best, with the options of 5k, 10k, half marathon or 20 miles. There are also prizes up for grabs for the race winners.

The Festival of Running and Milton Keynes Half Marathon take place on Sunday, March 8. To register and for more details, including age restrictions, visit www.mkrun.co.uk

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violettescreened

FRENCH film Violette, which is about a girl born out of wedlock, is the latest showing at MK Gallery.

It centres on Violette Leduc's meeting with Simone de Beauvoir in post-war Saint-Germain.

The two women have an intense lifelong relationship based on Violette's quest for freedom through writing and on Simone's conviction and passion for extraordinary writing.

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On the first floor there are four bedrooms, two with en-suites and three with fitted wardrobes, together with a family bathroom.

The front offers off-road parking in front of the double garage. There is a lawned area with trees and bushes and two pathways leading to the front door.

The fully enclosed mature garden has a wealth of features, including trees, shrubs, a stream with a drawbridge, raised vegetable borders and plenty of hiding areas for children.

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- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Two Reception Rooms
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- Garden & Double Garage

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- Carport & Single Garage

Lynmouth Crescent £250,000
- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen

Mapperton Close £425,000
- Five Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garage

Wilson Court £295,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Grange Farm £173,000
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- Bathroom & En-Suite

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- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Study
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Immaculate Condition

Poppy Avenue £345,000

- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Attractive Rear Garden
- Parking Area
- Garage
- Call Branch for Details

Wavendon Gate £350,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- No Chain

Corfe Meadows £300,000

- End Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC

Kents Hill £265,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Kemsley Crescent £169,995

- Upper Floor Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Off Road Parking

West Hill £209,995

- Two Bedroom End Terraced Property
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Courtyard Garden
- Popular Village Location

Walton Park £90,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Ideal for First Time Buyers
- Balcony
- Allocated Parking

Somerset Walk £45,000

- Ground Floor Studio Apartment
- Shared Ownership
- No Chain
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Sales & Lettings
Stony Stratford 01908 850979

Hartwell **£195,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Viewing Recommended

Hanslope **£299,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Potterspury **£285,000**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Study
- Off Road Parking
- Secure Rear Garden

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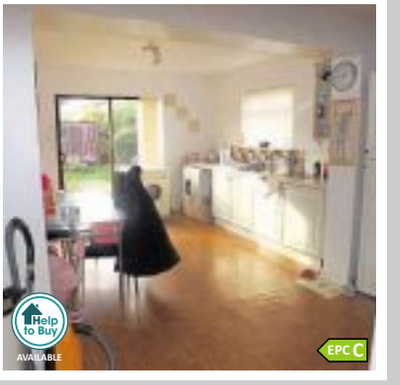
Potterspury **£195,000**

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Modern Kitchen & Shower Room
- No Chain

Hartwell **£180,000**

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Garage
- No Chain



Old Stratford **£170,000**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Parking Space
- Viewing Recommended

Galley Hill **£125,000**

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One/Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Tenants in Situ

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Sales & Lettings
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Bletchley **£350,000**

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing

Bletchley **£274,995**

- Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Loft & Garden

Bletchley **£225,000**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking
- Viewing Recommended

Bletchley **£210,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley **£192,500**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Reception Room
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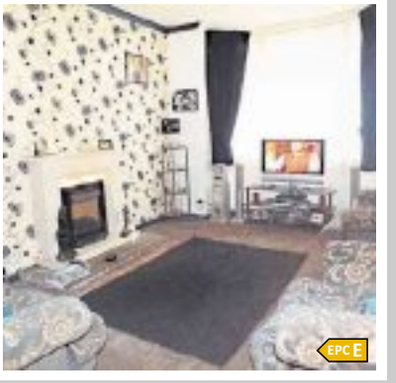
- Garden



Bletchley **£179,995**

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- Three Bedrooms
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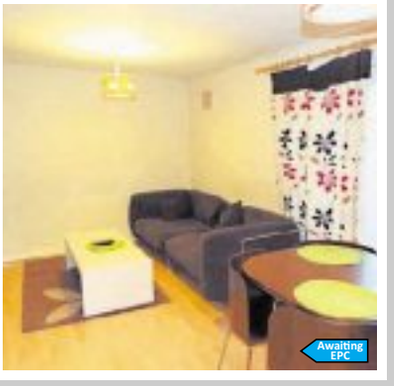

Bletchley **£180,000**

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No Chain

Bletchley **£125,000**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Gardens

Bletchley **£129,995**

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Lakes Development
- Garden

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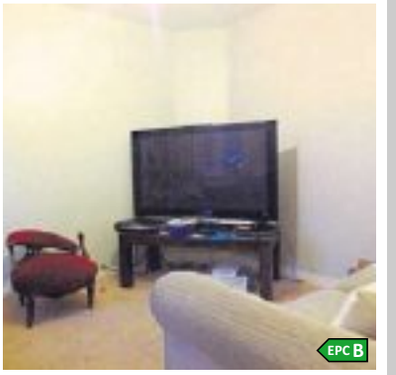
Sales & Lettings
Newport Pagnell 01908 850979

Giffard Park £350,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted En-Suite
- Garden, Garage & Off Road Parking



Garnett Way £340,000

- Three Reception Rooms
- Lounge
- Four Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Ample Parking

Hopcrofts Meadow £335,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Giffard Park £280,000

- Recently Renovated Detached Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- No Chain

Goldsmith Drive £249,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen & Bathroom
- Large Gardens
- Excellent School Catchment Area

Greenfield Road £195,000

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- 125ft Rear Garden
- Character Features

Stoneway £180,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Garage
- No Chain
- Ample Parking

Tickford Street £160,000

- No Chain
- Two Bedrooms
- Ample Parking
- In Need of Some Modernisation

Ruskin Court £85,000

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- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
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- One Bedroom

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Stantonbury £225,000

Extended detached family property. Comprises three bedrooms, kitchen, utility room, lounge, dining room, cloakroom, computer room, bathroom, driveway and front and rear gardens.

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Cranfield £435,000

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Newport Pagnell £410,000

Four bedroom detached property situated in the sought after location of Green Park. Comprises cloakroom, kitchen, dining room, conservatory, driveway and garage.

Willen £320,000

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Newport Pagnell £185,995

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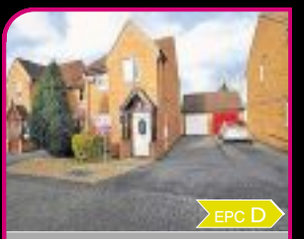

- Refitted Downstairs Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted En-suite & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Above Chain

Stantonbury Fields Offers in Excess £239,995

- Mid Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- No Above Chain

Oldbrook £174,995

- No Above Chain
- End Of Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral Garage
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Bletchley £219,995

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bedroom Four/Study
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Bedroom Two With Balcony
- Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

Oldbrook £210,000

- Maisonette
- First Floor
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Parking
- Recently Redecorated

Two Mile Ash £124,995

- Four Bedroom Detached
- En-Suite to Master
- Three Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room
- Gardens
- Single Garage

Deanshanger £350,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge With Balcony
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En-suite & Family Bathroom
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£18,376 - £19,742 pro rata – 18.5 hours per week **Ref: 59000499**

Take this rewarding and challenging role, and you will assist customers to apply for mutual exchange when they are under or over occupying their home as well as providing administrative support. Able to act calmly and professionally in difficult situations, you will bring proven IT and customer care skills and ideally experience in a housing environment.

For informal enquiries please contact Dawn Wilson on 01908 254982.

Pupil Education Plans (PEP) Compliance Officer

£20,253 - £22,212 pro rata – 18.5 hours per week **Ref: 59000618**

You will support the progression and achievement of children in care and leaving care by ensuring every child has an up-to-date and appropriate personal education plan (PEP) in place. Organised and resilient with a keen eye for detail and good interpersonal skills, you will be educated to NVQ3 or have equivalent experience.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact, Michele Mellor, Virtual School Head Teacher, on 01908 254505.

Interview date: 10th March 2015.

Kitchen Assistant

£14,075 - £15,941 pro rata – 27.5 hours per week **Ref: 50012933**

You will work as part of a small team providing adults with learning disabilities with hot meals and snacks and delivering corporate hospitality at the Civic Offices and Saxon Court. Good at building relationships, you will work Monday to Friday 8am to 2pm as well as some evenings and weekends.

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For informal enquiries please contact Paul Mulley on 01908 252686.

Closing date: 1st March 2015

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Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2015
Interview date: Week beginning 23rd February 2015

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Closing Date: 22nd February 2015

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Short Breaks Worker Nights

Vacancy ID: 102497

£8.79 - £9.52 per hour, 37 hours over 4 nights for every 4 weeks, Tues - Sat (including 1 weekend in 3)

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You'll need to be 22 years & over.

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Please contact Miss Yasmine Dhillon on 07944 288266 to arrange a visit to the school. Half term visits are also welcome.

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Closing date for applications: Monday 23rd February 2015 at Noon
Interview Date: Friday 27th February 2015

References will be taken up prior to interview

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Interview date: Week commencing Monday 9th March 2015

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There are currently 459 pupils on roll including the Nursery.

For further information or for an application pack please contact Mrs S Goduti, Office Manager on tel: 01234 300800 or email: admin@castlelowerschool.co.uk

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For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: Friday 27 February 2015 at 12.00pm.

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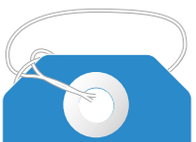

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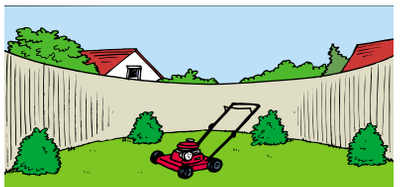

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(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Common Street, Ravenstone between numbers 16 and 34 Common Street in order to connect a new water main outside Willow Barn. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect at 8.00am on 25th February 2015 and will remain in effect until 5.00pm on 27th February 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Weston Road, the road that links Weston Road and Ravenstone Mill Road and Ravenstone Mill Road (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 25th February 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00144/FUL	Demolition of existing house and construction of 3 x 3-bed houses and all ancillary works at 158 High Street, Stony Stratford.
15/00154/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell 1 Horse Chestnut tree at Cedar Lodge, 4 Cedar Lodge Drive, Wolverton.
15/00175/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 x Horse Chestnut tree T1 and 1 x Leyland Cypress tree T2 at Jesuan House, London Road, Stony Stratford.
15/00192/FUL	Construction of a multi-sport play wall in the north east corner of the recreation field at the Recreation Ground, Common Street, Ravenstone.
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/00047/FUL	Conversion of existing outbuildings to a two bedroomed dwelling at land to the rear of 45 High Street, Olney.
15/00048/LBC	Listed building consent for conversion of existing outbuildings to a two bedroomed dwelling at land to the rear of 45 High Street, Olney.
15/00057/LBC	Listed building consent for reconfiguration of windows and doors to rear elevation at Clock House, Olney Road, Weston Underwood.
15/00097/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce by two thirds one Ash tree at Westcott House, Common Street, Ravenstone.
15/00164/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell to ground level 1 x Poplar tree T56, 1 x Sycamore tree T143, 1 x Maple tree T147, reduce crown height 1 x Sycamore tree T65, 1 x Poplar tree T133, 2 x Ash trees T33 and T34, 1 x Pine tree G19, remove dead standing trees and hung up trees G33, remove dead wood 1 x Copper Beech Tree T83 at The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley.
15/00215/LBC	Listed building consent to add an internal door and doorway to connect Hall 2 to corridor; add shop sign 'MK Christian Books' to fascia of Hall 3 at Evangelical Free Church, Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
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15/00213/FUL	Variation of condition 3 attached to planning permission 12/02609/FUL to change wording from 'prior to first occupation' to 'within 3 months of occupation' at Site C, Chalkdell Drive, Shenley Wood.

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14/02873/MIN	Erection of new waste sorting facility, demolition of existing office building and erection of two storey office and mess room at Smith Recycling (MK) Ltd, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall.

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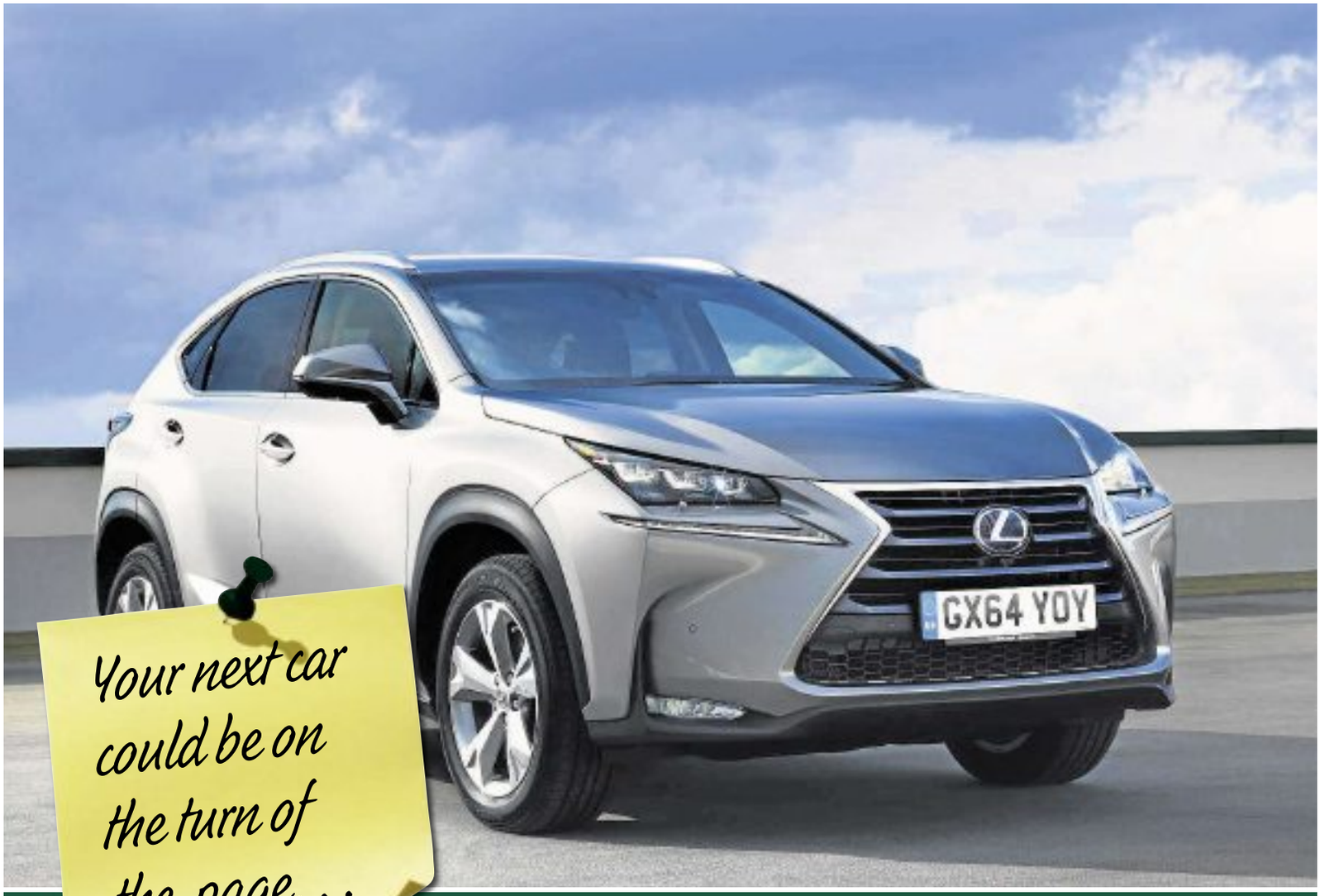

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NEW CAR REVIEW

Lexus NX 300h S FRONTAL ASSAULT

By Andy Enright

Bringing a sleek hybrid crossover to market for around £30,000 is a tough assignment but Lexus has pulled it off with the NX 300h S. It sends drive to the front wheels but makes no pretences about any off-road prowess. It'll manage better than 56mpg and packs a 195PS punch. That's quite a gauntlet thrown down to rivals.

Yes, you can buy the NX 300h with all-wheel drive, but to be honest, it's hardly any more capable in the rough stuff. This NX 300h S is powered by the proven Lexus 2.5-litre petrol engine, generator, motor and battery with a total system output of 197PS, doing without the additional electric motor that sits atop the rear axle in all-wheel drive NX models. It also gets sprung-weight damping control to increase ride comfort and handling stability by reducing pitching when driving on uneven surfaces. It'll sprint to 62mph in a reasonable 9.3 seconds and keep running on to 112mph.

Remember when Lexus tried to look like their competitors? Seems a bit quaint now doesn't it? These days there's no mistaking a Lexus for anything else and this NX adopts the current family look with a vast 'spindle grille' at the front, dwarfing the LED headlights and L-shaped daytime running lights. The flared wheel arches house either 17 or 18-inch alloy wheels, while the side profile of the vehicle demonstrates how Lexus has aimed to create a sleek shape without compromising rear headroom, the highest point of the roofline being stretched backwards. Neat styling touches include a door handle with a concealed key barrel and plenty of shape built into the flank surfacing. This thing looks sharp enough to cut you.

The interior also owes little to the premium German brands in its design ethos. Lexus aimed to combine the purpose of a high-performance vehicle with the materials quality of a luxury vehicle. The centrepiece of the dash is a curvaceous H-shaped metal frame that's a world away from a typically slab-fronted SUV fascia panel. Details like drilled pedals and quilted leather seats differentiate the cabin from the usual suburban SUV norm. Practicality certainly hasn't been overlooked though, and the NX offers decent headroom, a generous front-to-rear hip point distance and the longest luggage area load length in its class.

Should you want a BMW X3 or Audi Q5-sized vehicle, you're not exactly starved of choice at the moment. Limit the budget to £30,000 and the choices become a lot less exciting. That's why we're fairly confident that this entry-level S version of the Lexus NX has a real chance. Even as the starter NX, it's rammed with standard equipment and it's not as if you're buying something with an outdated nail of a diesel engine in the nose. Instead, you get a clever hybrid system that offers reasonable refinement and very good economy.

Clearly, its chances of success hinge on the public perception of a front-wheel drive 'Crossover' vehicle. Let's face it, this one isn't mocked up as an off-roader. It's more like an estate with the sort of high seating position that makes many drivers feel comfortable. Lexus has built something smart and pragmatic here. It might well reap the benefits.

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MK DONS

Hodson hoping to seize his chance in Gillingham game

BY SCOTT KIRK
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DONS full back Lee Hodson says he needs to try and take full advantage of the opportunity to get back in the first team.

With centre back Kyle McFadzean currently halfway through a two-match ban for picking up ten yellow cards this season, Hodson returned to the team on Monday night at right back in the 2-1 defeat to Bradford City, with Jordan Spence covering in the middle.

But Hodson said he wasn't happy with his performance in West Yorkshire, as he made his first appearance for Dons since early December.

"It's nice to be out there but I was hoping for a better performance," said Hodson.

"It just wasn't great tonight for me, but I've got to put that behind me, and if I get another opportunity on Saturday I need to take it – because these are the sorts of games where you get given your chance, and you need to take it.

"Me and George Baldock were unlucky with injuries, but Jordan has come in and the team has been doing well.

"It's frustrating for us because we just want to be playing, but we're working hard in training and it's good to have competition, so that you stay on your toes."

Hodson will be hoping to get another chance at right back on Saturday against Gillingham, and the Northern Ireland international wants to put to bed a rare defeat for Dons.

"We just weren't good enough.

"I think we've lost two in our last 20 so I think we've got to look forward now. We have another game on Saturday and Tuesday night, and those games are six-pointers.

"We've just got to get our heads down now, work hard and try to get a result at Gillingham."

The pitch was in a real state at the Coral Windows Stadium, formerly known as Valley Parade, but Hodson was keen not to use that as an excuse for the defeat.

"It wasn't easy out there but it's not an excuse and we've got to deal with that," said the 23-year-old.

"It was obviously hard conditions, but we can't let that be an excuse – we just weren't good enough.

"It was one of those games where nothing went for us.

"We needed to hold out after we went 1-0 up and weather the storm so that we could keep a clean sheet, but it just didn't happen."

Dons' promotion rivals Bristol City and Swindon Town still have to play Bradford, and Hodson doesn't think the Bantams will make it easy for them.

"I don't think it would be easy for anyone to come here, but you've got to adapt to it (the pitch).

"As players we don't want to lose a game, because we know what's at stake for us.

"Every game we need to be winning – we've got another couple of big games coming up and we've got to get six points."

Missed out: Lee Hodson holds his head in his hands after a save rebounded into him, but he couldn't prevent the ball from going wide. Dons lost 2-1 to Bradford City on Monday night. Picture by Andy Handley

Samir 'lost his head' to get yellow card

Seeing yellow: Samir Carruther gets a card against Bristol City

DONS midfielder Samir Carruthers admitted that he 'lost his head' after a penalty against Bristol City wasn't given in the second half on Saturday

Dons drew 0-0, so the penalty could have made all the difference, and it was the former Aston Villa man who struck the shot which was handled by Luke Ayling in the box.

Somehow the referee didn't give the penalty, and Carruthers' remonstrations earned him a yellow card.

It was easy to understand why he was incensed with the decision, and he admitted that it was a heat of the moment situation.

"We obviously had the penalty incident and that could have gone our way. On another day it does, but today it didn't.

"I know I lost my head with the referee but it's just part of the emotions of the game .

"It was a good game and both sides played well and had their chances. You get those decisions in matches and in my opinion ,if your hands are away fom your body then it's a penalty, but I can't say much more.

"I don't want to stitch up their players but they said it was a penalty as well."

Carruthers was thrown into the game earlier than expected after Dean Bowditch picked up an injury in the 30th minute.

"To be thrown into the first half is always a bit of a shock because you don't really expect it.

"You've always got to be ready, and it took me a few minutes to get going – but it wasn't too much of a problem."

Once he had warmed up, Carruthers caused Bristol City some problems, and he said that manager Karl Robinson has asked him to get forward more.

"Getting into the box and the final third is something the manager has told me he wants me to do, and get in those right areas."

Carruthers said he would have been disappointed if the team had lost the game.

"Dele had a screamer at the end which nearly went in, but it's a good point because they're a good side."

MK Dons head of coaching RICHIE BARKER writes exclusively for MK News

IT'S easy for me to say this now after the games we've played, but the matches against Bristol City at home and Bradford City away were always going to be a tough 48 hours.

Bristol City have been top all through the season, and I thought Saturday looked like a Championship game rather than one at League One level.

It was 0-0 because there were 22 very good players out there, and there were no mistakes made because of some great defending on display.

And then 48 hours later we were up against a team who beat Chelsea – a result which most certainly wasn't a fluke in the FA Cup.

It was a difficult pitch to play on but we can't use that as an excuse.

There are no easy games and I think Bradford won't be a million miles away from a playoff place come the end of the season.

We have Gillingham and Colchester United away in our next two games on Saturday and Tuesday night, and when you look at the fact that we have played the league leaders at home and then there's three away games in a row, I don't think it gets harder than that.

Sometimes the fixture list doesn't do you any favours, but it is what it is.

Earlier in the season everybody just wants points on the board, but we're now at the stage of the season where the league table really has taken its form, and when you look at our league, everyone from fifth to 17th or 18th can still reach the playoffs.

The mid-table section is really tight and I think it will be right until the end of the season.

In Gillingham on Saturday we're coming up against a team with a new manager in Justin Edinburgh, so there will be an element of those players giving that extra two or three per cent to impress him.

In my first year at Bury I played against a team with a new manager five times, and those little percentages which a player might put in for a new manager can make a difference, so there's that to contend with.

Karl has decided he wants to stay up in the stands to watch the first half of games, and one thing he has said is that he's seeing the game in a different light.

Sometimes when you're on the bench, you don't have a clue what's going on at the other end of the pitch.

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FOOTBALL

England's pride: MK's Leah Williamson, Lianne Sanderson and Alex Scott drop in at Academy

Lionesses visit

ARSENAL and England players Lianne Sanderson and Alex Scott, along with Milton Keynes' England youth player Leah Williamson, who is also in the Arsenal setup, were in the city last Thursday ahead of this Friday's England friendly against USA.

The players stopped off at the Sir Herbert Leon Academy en route to stadiummk.

The three stars watched, and then joined in with a six-a-side girls' game in the sports hall, before taking a question and answer session with the students.

"I think it's going to be a great test and a tough test, which is what we need as we're going into a World Cup," said Alex Scott.

The visit took place before the players stopped off at stadiummk, where the Lionesses take on USA as a key part of the preparation for the FIFA Women's World Cup, which takes place in Canada this summer.

England v USA kicks off this Friday, February 13 at stadiummk (8pm KO).

BADMINTON

Emms backs golden pair

IT HAS been a decade since Milton Keynes-based Gail Emms lifted the Yonex All England Badminton Championship doubles crown, and 11 years since she claimed a silver medal at the Athens Olympic Games.

But having witnessed the form and progression of pairing Chris and Gabby Adcock – they claimed Commonwealth Games gold last year in Glasgow – Emms is convinced the golden years are set to return to English badminton.

Chris and Gabby Adcock are ranked No.6 in the world presently, but throughout their career to-date they have been compared and measured against Emms and her long-standing partner Nathan Robertson.

Despite Emms' retirement after the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008, she is still regarded as the barometer of success for all current English players – and that means the Adcocks have been living in her shadow.

But having witnessed the pair's efforts in Glasgow, Emms believes they are ready to take the next step and challenge at March's Yonex All England – the first BWF Superseries Premier event of 2015, and one of the major's of the sport – before wreaking havoc at next year's Rio Olympic Games.

"I'd love to say we have a great chance at the Olympics in all five events, but we haven't, unfortunately.

We've got a chance in one with the mixed doubles and Chris and Gabby Adcock," she said.

"It is a pity but we can only do what we can. We don't have 100 million people playing badminton.

"We are Great Britain so if Chris and Gabby are our only hope then let's get behind them. It's ten years since I won at the All England, and I think it would be amazing if they could mark that with a win.

"There's always me and Nathan hanging over them so I think it would be nice for them to say it's not Gail and Nathan, its Chris and Gabby now.

Despite her retirement, Emms featured at last week's National Championships in Crawley, where she reached the quarter-finals.

Joanna Pendleton, Sportsbeat

ICE HOCKEY

Tigers make it a tough weekend

Defence mode: MK Lightning repel another goalmouth invasion by Telford Tigers

MK LIGHTNING captain Adam Carr admitted that the team couldn't have faced a much tougher weekend.

They had a double header against runaway leaders Telford Tigers, so it always looked like a double defeat would be on the cards.

Battling Lightning fought Tigers all the way, but still went down 2-1 at MK Arena on Saturday.

But it was a very different story the following day in the return game in Shropshire, when the match was effectively over by as early as the eighth minute with Tigers having already established a 3-0 lead.

Telford went on to win 6-2 with Lightning failing to find the net until the final ten minutes of the game – far too late to alter the outcome.

"As far as weekends go this season, last weekend couldn't have been any tougher," said Carr.

"The positives definitely outweighed the negatives over the weekend.

"On Saturday we deserved at least a point from the game – we played well for 60 minutes and we matched them all over the ice. It's a tough pill to swallow when you work so hard and play so well and come away with nothing.

"On Sunday we started too slowly –- it's as simple as that."

"We turned the puck over too many times and they capitalised. It was a poor first period."

Lightning's game this weekend sees them entertain Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday at the MK Arena, before they travel to Manchester Phoenix on Sunday evening.

Lightning also face a midweek trip to Swindon Wildcats on Wednesday night, and Carr is hoping the team can show some improved form.

"We showed that we will fight for every point as we head towards the playoffs.

"I know we have it in us to string some wins together – and when we do, I know we will find the form we need."

Meanwhile, Carr's testimonial game will be held on Saturday, April 11 at the MK Arena – one week after the EPL play off finals weekend, and 24 hours after Lightning's end of season party.

Tickets will be released two weeks before the event.

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RUGBY UNION

BLETCHLEY Ladies progressed to the semi-final of the Junior Cup after a penalty shoot-out against Canterbury. It was 7-7 at the end of normal time, and extra time brought no further score, so a place kick competition took place. Three players from each side missed from the 22m line, with Canterbury kicking first, but the first five kicks all failed to hit the target. That meant success fell to Yolanda Potter with the final kick of the first round, and she converted to book Bletchley's spot in the last four.

Their men's team were beaten 44-12 by Maidenhead in South West 1 East, and Wellingborough beat Olney 22-11 in Midlands 2 East (South).

ATHLETICS

THE fifth and final Chiltern Cross-Country League saw 105 runners compete from Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club, who finished Division One in second. At the Birmingham Indoor Games over 200m, Joey Duck set a season's best of 24.27, while Ebony Carr improved her F17 200m personal best to 24.99.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town were beaten 4-1 by Thurnby Nirvana in the United Counties League Premier Division. In Division One, Olney Town were beaten 5-2 by Thrapston Town, with Aaron Murrell and Thomas van den Bergh getting the goals.

In the Spartan South Midlands League Division One, Stony Stratford Town lost 4-0 to Welwyn Garden City, while in Division Two, New Bradwell St Peter beat Aston Clinton 5-2, Wolverton Town lost 1-0 to Pitstone & Ivinghoe, and Willen were beaten 4-2 by Kent Athletic. In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League, Caz Bar beat The Garage MK 6-0, and Olney Town lost 1-0 to Swanfica.

SKELETON

ROSE McGrandle finished eighth in race seven of the World Cup at Igls, Austria.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WEBBER Independent School Year 11 pupil Ty Erasmus, 16, has been scouted by the Great Britain 16 to 19 year old junior squad, and now faces three trials to secure a place in the team.

ROWING

MK ROWING Club's Jenny Searle and Helen Marshall won the Women's Masters Doubles title at the Peterborough Head of the River race. Heidi Towse finished fourth in the Women Master's 2k category at the World Indoor Championships, with Louisa Briar ninth in the Open Women 2k.

FLOORBALL

MK PHANTOMS beat Warwick 2nds 11-1 but lost to title-challenging Manchester Salibandits 3-2.

HOCKEY

MK Ladies beat West Hampstead 2-1 in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A, while in the South Hockey League Premier Division One, MK's men beat London Wayfarers 7-4.

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Pitch woes not to blame says Robbo

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DONS boss Karl Robinson refused to blame the pitch for his side's 2-1 defeat to Bradford City on Monday night.

The pitch was in a horrendous state at the Coral Windows Stadium in front of the Sky cameras, but Robinson said that the side didn't have the players to deal with the situation as well as the Bantams did.

"We weren't good enough and we can't deny that," said Robinson.

"They have better players to deal with that pitch than what we do.

"We tried to play it longer and you could see that it just doesn't suit us.

"All of our players weren't allowed to do what they normally do, but you have to accept that and they were better than us on this pitch.

"We didn't defend as well as a team for me, but we learn our lessons from that."

Robinson also felt that Dele Alli had one of his worst games for Dons, but the Spurs signing wasn't the only one who didn't perform to their usual high standards.

"I thought it was one of Dele's worst games, and when he ran with it, it kept hitting him on the knee or the thigh," said Robinson.

"I kept them (the players) in for longer than usual and a few home truths got said, but I could also see the pain in their eyes and they're things I can build on."

It was a slight dent in Dons' promotion hopes, but Swindon Town and Bristol City are still to play the team from West Yorkshire again, and he reckons the Bantams could surprise Dons' other automatic promotion challengers.

"The team that adapts best to losing a game will do well," said Robinson.

"We'll all lose football matches and if we've felt the wrath of coming here then I'm sure other teams will too."

There was a handball from Jon Stead in the build-up to Bradford's winning goal, and that was a point of frustration for Robinson.

"I'm sick of it.

"I've not come out and said anything about any referee – I've been very supportive of them.

"That's two games on the spin now (where handballs have come about) but the referee has to do better."

The incident to which Robinson referred to was when Samir Carruthers was denied a blatant penalty after Luke Ayling handballed for Bristol City on Saturday in what was then the battle of the top two teams.

Dons produced a very creditable 0-0 draw against the league leaders at stadiummk in front of 15,642.

Robinson likened that tie to a gladiator duel of the top two teams.

Dons currently lie third in the table, but their rivals Bristol City and Swindon Town were in action last night against Port Vale and Oldham Athletic respectively.

Muddy mess: The game against Bradford City got bogged down by the pitch

Double winners: Dele Alli and manager Karl Robinson with their awards

Dons duo pick up top awards on and off the pitch

TOTTENHAM- bound Dele Alli took the Sky Bet League One player of the month award for January, with Karl Robinson claiming manager of the month award.

The pair have been on a great run in the league over the month with the Dons remaining unbeaten, winning three and drawing two.

In the same month as Dele Alli swapped stadiummk for White Hart Lane, the teenager scored a crucial equaliser against Crawley and one in the 2-0 victory over Barnsley.

On the touchline, Karl Robinson oversaw the 5-0 drubbing of Crewe Alexander last weekend, and the 1-0 victory over play-off contenders Sheffield United.

The Dons boss also saw his side reach the top of the table for a short time after the Crewe game.

On winning the award Robinson highlighted that he was picking the award up for the team and was keen to stay out of the spotlight.

He said: "Me and Dele don't really want to receive the awards, because it is not about us, it is about everybody.

"We are a team that stands together and we take the awards for obvious reasons, but it is not just for me.

"These players mean so much to me and they know I would do anything for any one of them."

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